

Comics on Duty Tour entertains TF 1AD Soldiers

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BAGHDAD, Iraq -- There was a lot to laugh about at Baghdad International Airport recently when comedians from the Comics on Duty World Tours, sponsored by the Armed Forces Entertainment, entertained Task Force 1st Armored Division Soldiers May 22-23.

The tour featured headlining comics such as Jefferey Steele, Steve Mazan, and PJ Walsh.

"It was very 'ha-ha' funny," said Pfc. Brandi Georgi, a military policewoman with TF 1AD's 501st Military Police Company. "I'd love to see it again."

The tour made three stops around BIAP and one in Al-Kut to entertain TF 1AD Soldiers.

On Friday, the show at TF 1AD's 4th Brigade hangars opened with the TF 1AD Rock Band. The band played such tunes as "Fat Lip" by Sum 41, and "My Girl" to a crowd of over 200 Iron Soldiers who came to let loose.

On Saturday morning, the comics began their day at 2nd Brigade Combat Team's Stryker Island to entertain alongside the 1AD Dixieland Band. More than 300 Soldiers from 2nd BCT and the Division Artillery Brigade came to enjoy the show. After the music, the five comics performed for 15 to 20 minutes each, leaving Soldiers in stitches.

The comedians then moved onto 123rd Main Support Battalion where the "Mighty Main" Soldiers thanked the comedians with an overwhelming uproar of laughter and applause.

Before leaving, all of the comedians expressed their appreciation for the Soldiers' presence.

"You guys have it the worst, since you had to stay," said comedian Steele. "We really respect you all for what you do. Thanks for doing what you do."



Photo by Spc. Jeanine Kinville

Comedian PJ Walsh entertains troops at 123rd Main Support Battalion at Baghdad International Airport during the Comics on Duty World Tour May 23. The tour made three stops to 1AD units on BIAP and one in Al Kut.



Photo by Spc. Derrol Fulghum

TF 1AD Soldiers laugh during a comedian's routine at TF 1AD's 4th Brigade hangars May 22.



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The TF 1AD Rock Band performs for Soldiers at TF 1AD's 4th Brigade hangars May 22.

Quote of the Day...

"Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope or confidence."

Helen Keller (1880 - 1968)

News...

Bush Seeks Global Support for Iraq Plan

WASHINGTON (AP) -- President Bush sought on Tuesday to rally international support for the transfer of power in Iraq, saying that even European leaders who opposed the war now "share the same goal" of a budding democracy.

Following a nationwide speech on Iraq, Bush spoke by phone Tuesday morning with French President Jacques Chirac, who has been one of the fiercest critics of U.S. policy there.

Meanwhile in Berlin, Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer of Germany, another skeptical country, said Tuesday he believes the U.S.-British blueprint for the handover of sovereignty in Iraq provides a "very good foundation" for efforts to reach a consensus at the United Nations.

The international body is considering a new resolution that would endorse the June 30 handover of power and authorize a U.S.-led multinational force to keep the peace.

Oddly Enough...

Swedish Moose Runs Off With Bicycle

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) -- The massive moose didn't take it for a joyride, but she did run off with Bjoern and Monica Helamb's bicycle, the couple said Monday.

The married couple was ready for the moose, which has visited their yard in Vuoggatjälme in northern Sweden annually since 1995 to snack on their roses. This year, though, they put their bicycle in front of the flowers in a bid to protect them.

"So we thought we would at least protect our favorite roses from her appetite by making it harder for her to get to them," Bojern Helamb told The Associated Press.

It didn't help.

The moose, dubbed "Droopy Ear" because of her deformed ears, slid her head through the bike's frame and munched on the roses last week, sating her appetite with a flowery feast.

"Then she disappeared, with the bike hanging around her neck," Helamb said.

He found the bike later, about 1,640 feet from the house, bent apart and beyond repair.

Despite purloining the bicycle, Droopy Ear came back over the weekend for roses, but was chased away by the couple.



Through the reflection of another's sunglasses, a Task Force 1st Armored Division Soldier with 2nd Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery Regiment, stands ready for his next mission in An Najaf, Iraq. Photo by Sgt. Christopher Stanis, 1AD PAO.

Today in History...

1896: Nicholas II, the last czar, is crowned ruler of Russia in the old Ouspensky Cathedral in Moscow.

HISTORYCHANNEL.COM -- Nicholas was neither trained nor inclined to rule, which did not help the autocracy he sought to preserve in an era desperate for change.

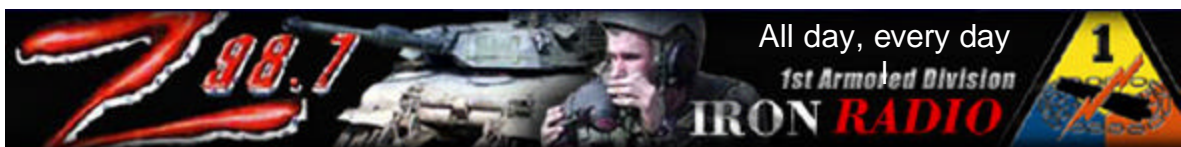
Born in 1868, he succeeded to the Russian throne upon the death of his father, Czar Alexander III, in November 1894.

That same month, the new czar married Alexandra, a German-born princess who came to have great influence over her husband. After a period of mourning for his late father, Nicholas and Alexandra were crowned czar and czarina in May 1896.

Chaplain's Thought for the Day...

Dedication to God

At a meeting of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Bobby Richardson, former New York Yankee second baseman, offered a prayer that is a classic in brevity and poignancy: "Dear God, Your will, nothing more, nothing less, nothing else. Amen." Bobby Richardson.



For your Information...

MWR DANCE CLASSES!

FOR PEOPLE WHO WANT TO LEARN,
SALSA, MERENGUE, BACHATA
REGUETON (SPANISH HIP HOP)

TIMES & DATES
Starting on Wednesday 5 May
Tuesday 1900 to 2030
Thursday 1900 to 2030
Saturday 2000 to —/—

We will begin the classes on the "Cinco de Mayo" party!

Instructor: "Angel" POC tent #139, SPC Gonzales
Where: The Aerobics Room in the MWR Tent!

Merengue- Two weeks
Bachata- Two weeks
Salsa- 1 ½ Months

Mixed Sessions on class days!!!
Ex: Bachata, Merengue - Tuesday
Salsa, Regueton- Thursday
"All" - Saturday

We can try to make Saturdays "Take a Night" where anyone can come and dance or watch others dance!!!!



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	3YR REUP	4YR REUP	5YR REUP	6YR REUP
SPC W/3 YEARS	\$4317.00	\$6650.00	\$8547.00	\$10,000.00
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SSG W/8 YEARS	\$3145.00	\$7925.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

*BONUS PAYMENTS VARY BASED UPON THE NUMBER OF YEARS REENLISTED FOR AND THE NUMBER OF MONTHS PRIOR TO ORIGINAL ETS SOLDIER REENLISTS. THESE FIGURES ARE BASED UPON A SOLDIER REENLISTING 6 MONTHS PRIOR TO ORIGINAL ETS DATE. SEE YOUR CAREER COUNSELOR TO FIND OUT HOW MUCH MONEY YOU ARE ENTITLED TO.

"STAY STRONG, STAY PROUD, STAY 1AD"



TASK FORCE 1ST ARMORED DIVISION EQUAL OPPORTUNITY OFFICE



Celebrate Asian Pacific Heritage 28 May 2004.

Events for the celebration include:

5K Fun Run 0600hrs at Hanger 1, sponsored by the 501st MI BN

Ethnic Lunch menu at Bob Hope Dining Facility.

Polynesian Review starting 1900hrs. Where? The "Circus" MWR tent on BIAP

Music by 1st AD Rock Band



"Freedom for all, A nation we call our own"



60 Years of Helping the Army Take Care of Its Own...

ARMY EMERGENCY RELIEF

TF 1AD AER FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN

25 May - 25 June 2004

Contact your unit AER Representative to find out how you can contribute!



myafn.net TV SCHEDULES: WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 2004					As of: Wednesday, May 26, 2004 2:03:19 AM	
Start Time	SPORTS	ATLANTIC	SPECTRUM	PACIFIC	NEWS	Start Time
0:00				ESPNEWS: THE HOT LIST		0:00
0:15		HEADLINE NEWS				0:15
0:30				HEADLINE NEWS	NAVY/MARINE CORPS NEWS	0:30
0:45		TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO (TVPG):				0:45
1:00	AROUND THE HORN		STUART LITTLE	TODAY	LESTER HOLT LIVE	1:00
1:30	PARDON THE INTERRUPTION					1:30
1:45		THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN (TVPG):				1:45
2:00	SPORTSCENTER		EBERT & ROEPER AT THE MOVIES (TVPG):		HEADLINE NEWS	2:00
2:30					NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	2:30
2:45		HEADLINE NEWS				2:45
3:00	MOTORCYCLE RACING - MOTO GP WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FRENCH GRAND PRIX	NBA HANGTIME	THE WILD THORNBERRYS (TVY): - HAVE YOURSELF A THORNBERRY LITTLE CHRISTMAS	4 QTRS	ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT	3:00
3:30		SPORTSCENTER	SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS (TVY): - VALENTINE'S DAY / THE PAPER		CBS EVENING NEWS	3:30
4:00	MOTORCYCLE RACING - MOTO GP WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FRENCH GRAND PRIX (250CC)	NHL - STANLEY CUP FINALS GM 1: CALGARY FLAMES @ TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING	THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - ROSEBUD	NHL - STANLEY CUP FINALS GM 1: CALGARY FLAMES @ TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING	COUNTDOWN WITH KEITH OLBERMANN	4:00
4:30			THE COSBY SHOW (TVG): - RUDY'S ALL-NIGHTER			4:30
5:00	NBA - PLAYOFFS - WESTERN CONF. FINALS GM 3: MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES @ LOS ANGELES LAKERS		ALLY MCBEAL (TV14): - THE OBSTACLE COURSE		HANNITY & COLMES	5:00
6:00			STAR TREK: NEXT GENERATION (TVPG): - SUSPICIONS		THE NEWSHOUR	6:00
6:30		ESPNEWS		ESPNEWS		6:30
7:00		HEADLINE NEWS	FRONTLINE: THE INVASION OF IRAQ	NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	BET NIGHTLY NEWS	7:00
7:30		ESPNEWS		JUDGE JUDY (TVPG):	NIGHTLY BUSINESS REPORT	7:30
8:00	INSIDE THE NBA	HEADLINE NEWS		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	LARRY KING LIVE	8:00
8:25				GUIDING LIGHT (TV14):		8:25
8:30	ESPNEWS	HEADLINE NEWS				8:30
9:00	SPORTS SPECIAL - MONSTER TRUCK SHOW: MONSTER JAM	SESAME STREET	DAYS OF THUNDER		NEWSNIGHT WITH AARON BROWN	9:00
9:13				GENERAL HOSPITAL (TV14):		9:13
10:00	SPORTSCENTER	BLUE'S CLUES - RHYMETIME		BETWEEN THE LIONS (TVY): - PEPPE TROUBLE	PAULA ZAHN NOW	10:00
10:30		WHEEL OF FORTUNE (TVG):		TEAMO SUPREMO (TVY): - ATTACK OF THE STUFFED STUFF/RESERVOIR FROGS!		10:30
11:00	MLB - OAKLAND ATHLETICS @ BOSTON RED SOX	THE DR. PHIL SHOW (TVPG):	THE WILD THORNBERRYS (TVY): - HAVE YOURSELF A THORNBERRY LITTLE CHRISTMAS	POPULAR MECHANICS FOR KIDS (TVY7): - EPISODE 7	NIGHTLINE	11:00
11:30			SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS (TVY): - VALENTINE'S DAY / THE PAPER	LIBERTY'S KIDS (TVG): - BENEDICT ARNOLD	HEADLINE NEWS	11:30
11:46		THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW (TVPG):				11:46
12:00			THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - ROSEBUD	JEOPARDY! (TVG):	HARDBALL WITH CHRIS MATTHEWS	12:00
12:30			THE COSBY SHOW (TVG): - RUDY'S ALL-NIGHTER	HEADLINE NEWS		12:30
12:35		GUIDING LIGHT (TV14):				12:35
13:00			AMERICAN IDOL (TVG):	ESPNEWS	DATeline NBC	13:00
13:17		GENERAL HOSPITAL (TV14):				13:17
13:30				PACIFIC REPORT		13:30
14:00	SPORTSCENTER	HEADLINE NEWS	STAR TREK: NEXT GENERATION (TVPG): - SUSPICIONS	8 SIMPLE RULES FOR DATING MY TEENAGE DAUGHTER (TVPG): - MERRY CHRISTMAS: THE STORY OF ANNE FRANK AND SKEEVY	THE O'REILLY FACTOR	14:00
14:30		JUDGE JUDY (TVPG):		BERNIE MAC SHOW, THE (TVPG): - J-O-R-D-A-N SPELLS FUNNY		14:30
15:00	NHL - STANLEY CUP FINALS GM 1: CALGARY FLAMES @ TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING	TODAY	FRONTLINE: THE INVASION OF IRAQ	FEAR FACTOR (TV14): - LAS VEGAS (PT. 1)	GOOD MORNING AMERICA	15:00
16:00				THE O.C. (TVPG): - THE L.A.		16:00
17:00	SPORTSCENTER	BETWEEN THE LIONS (TVY): - PEPPE TROUBLE	DAYS OF THUNDER	PACIFIC REPORT	HEADLINE NEWS	17:00
17:30		TEAMO SUPREMO (TVY): - ATTACK OF THE STUFFED STUFF/RESERVOIR FROGS!		TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO (TVPG):	CHANNEL ONE	17:30
17:45					ABC WORLD NEWS THIS MORNING	17:45
18:00	RIP CURL PRESENTS - FOOLS GOLD	POPULAR MECHANICS FOR KIDS (TVY7): - EPISODE 7		THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN (TVPG):	THE EARLY SHOW	18:00
18:30	TOTALLY NASCAR	LIBERTY'S KIDS (TVG): - BENEDICT ARNOLD				18:30
19:00	SPORTSCENTER	JEOPARDY! (TVG):	THE WILD THORNBERRYS (TVY): - HAVE YOURSELF A THORNBERRY LITTLE CHRISTMAS			19:00
19:30		HEADLINE NEWS	SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS (TVY): - VALENTINE'S DAY / THE PAPER	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD		19:30
20:00	FRENCH OPEN TENNIS - EARLY ROUND COVERAGE DAY 3	ESPNEWS	THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - ROSEBUD	GHOSTBUSTERS II	FOX NEWS LIVE	20:00
20:30		HEADLINE NEWS	THE COSBY SHOW (TVG): - RUDY'S ALL-NIGHTER			20:30
21:00		8 SIMPLE RULES FOR DATING MY TEENAGE DAUGHTER (TVPG): - MERRY CHRISTMAS: THE STORY OF ANNE FRANK AND SKEEVY	AMERICAN IDOL (TVG):		DATeline NBC	21:00
21:30		BERNIE MAC SHOW, THE (TVPG): - J-O-R-D-A-N SPELLS FUNNY				21:30
21:45				THE GAME		21:45
22:00		FEAR FACTOR (TV14): - LAS VEGAS (PT. 1)	STAR TREK: NEXT GENERATION (TVPG): - SUSPICIONS		FOX NEWS LIVE	22:00
23:00	REAL SPORTS WITH BRYANT GUMBEL	THE O.C. (TVPG): - THE L.A.	FRONTLINE: THE INVASION OF IRAQ		HEADLINE NEWS	23:00
23:30				CINEMA SECRETS (TVG): - CRASH COURSE	INSIDE POLITICS	23:30